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DATED this 14th day of Sept. 2005  
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Signed: Wendy Galloway

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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF DEMAND FOR HEARING**

**To:** Robert S. Chronister  
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**And To:** Charles D. Brown, Sr. Staff Attorney  
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**From:** Patricia D. Petersen, Chief Hearing Officer 

**Date:** September 14, 2005

**Hearing:** Robert S. Chronister, D05-375  
Appeal OIC's Order Revoking License

This is to advise you that on September 12, 2005, the Hearings Unit received and filed your Demand for Hearing and Notice of Appeal of Order Revoking License entered on September 2, 2005.

Upon receipt of this Notice, please contact Wendy Galloway, my administrative assistant, at the above number to schedule a prehearing conference in this matter. This prehearing conference, which will be held by telephone, will include: 1) you, and/or your representative if you wish; 2) Charles Brown, Sr. Staff Attorney of Legal Affairs, will be representing the Insurance Commissioner in this matter; and 3) the Chief Hearing Officer. The purpose of the prehearing conference is to discuss basic procedure to be followed before, during and after the hearing, as well as any issues or concerns which have arisen or which you believe will arise in your preparation for the hearing.

For your information, we have included a brief outline of hearing procedure below.

**HEARING PROCEDURES - OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

The following is a brief summary of hearing procedure. Following the prehearing conference referred to above, a Notice of Hearing will be entered advising you of the date scheduled for the hearing. The specific rules which govern the hearing procedure, which include many more details, can be found primarily at Chapter 34.05 RCW (the Administrative Procedure Act) and Chapter 10-08 WAC. Your hearing will be presided over by a Hearings Judge who handles cases where actions of the Insurance Commissioner are appealed, such as yours. It will be conducted in a fairly formal manner; however, it will be as flexible as possible to accommodate the needs of the parties and any witnesses which may appear. You will be allowed to submit documents to support your version of the facts. Testimony may also be presented in the form of live witnesses, including the parties themselves; also, if requested, witnesses are allowed to testify over the telephone at the discretion of the Hearings Judge.

The hearing normally begins with each party presenting an opening statement summarizing what they intend to prove; then each party presents its case-in-chief which includes presentation of documents and testimony, subject to cross examination by the opposing party; then the hearing concludes with each party presenting its closing arguments summarizing what they believe they have shown.

The Hearings Judge is an individual who has not had any involvement with this case. The Hearings Judge will hear and make the final decision in the case without any communication, input or review by the Insurance Commissioner or staff or any other individual who has knowledge of the case. The Hearings Judge's final decision may 1) uphold the Commissioner's action; 2) reverse the Commissioner's action; or 3) impose penalties which are less than those contained in the Commissioner's action.